FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S.168

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TO: The Honorable David Thomas, Chairman, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Medical Malpractice Insurance

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill provides that a licensed health care provider who renders medical services voluntarily and without compensation, and seeks no reimbursement from charitable and governmental sources is not liable for any civil damages for any act or omission unless the act or omission was the result of the health care provider's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Insurance and the State Budget and Control Board state that this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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None.

Approved by:

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